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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 filed June 7, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-17 and 23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 July 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other PTOL-271.


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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 07 June 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

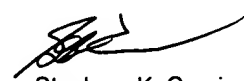
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

Claim 19 is incomplete, since it depends from cancelled claim 1. This claim was previously cancelled by examiners amendment and remains so.


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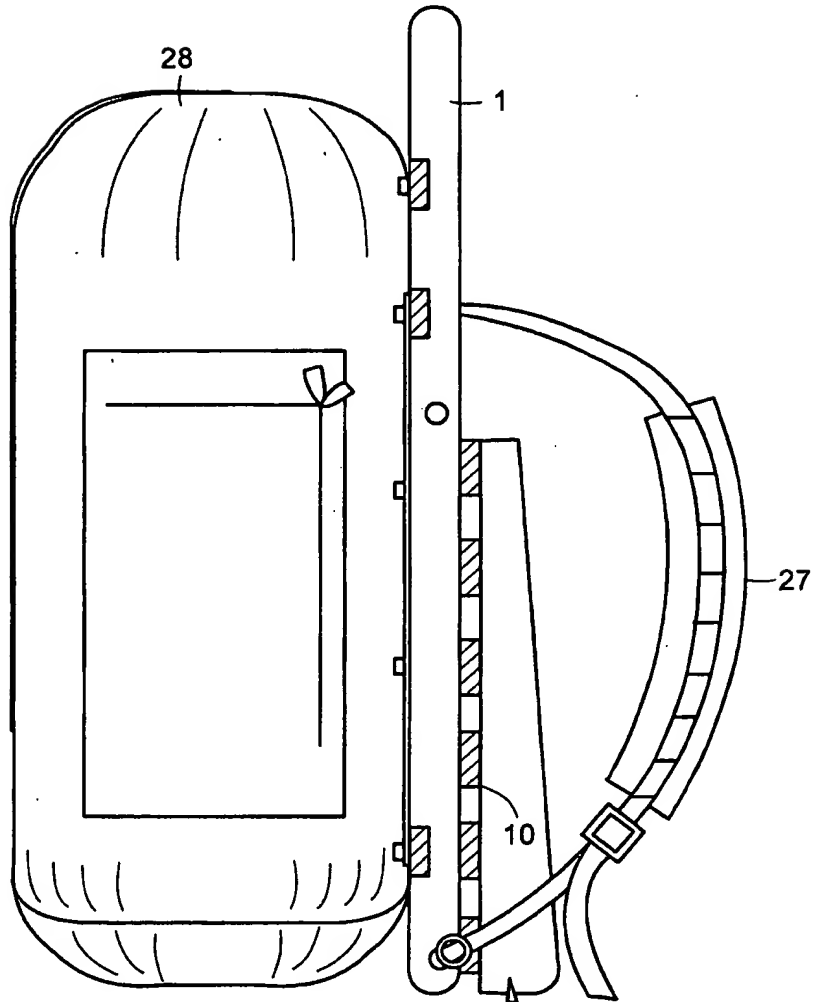


FIG. 1

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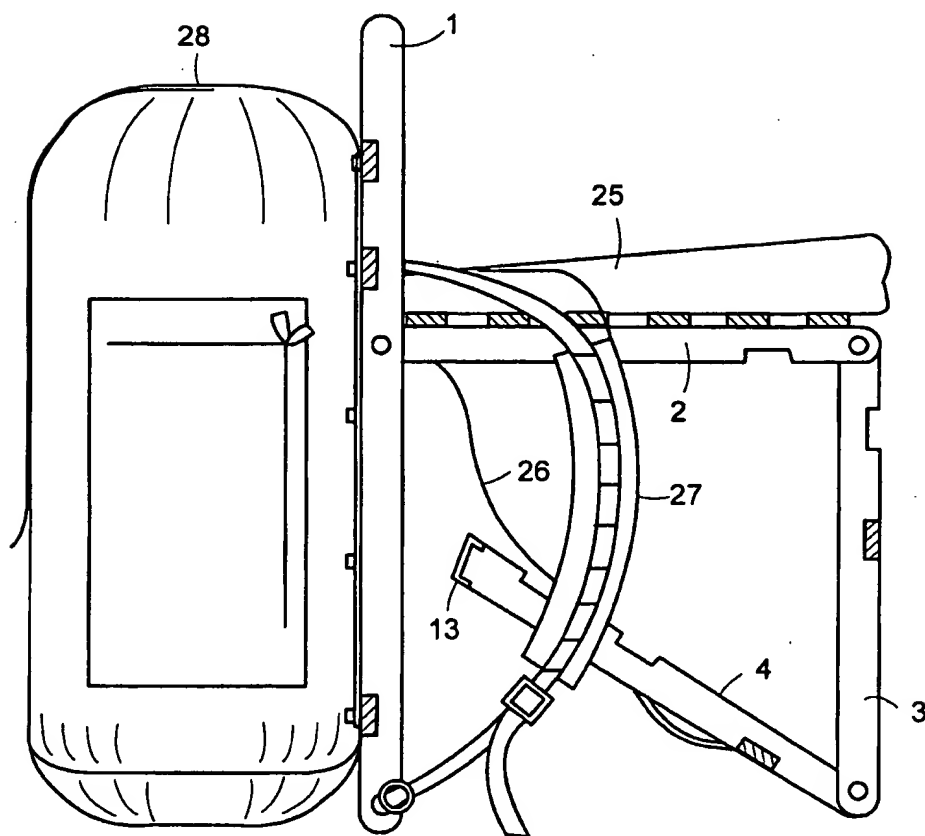
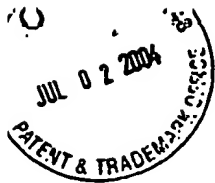


FIG. 2



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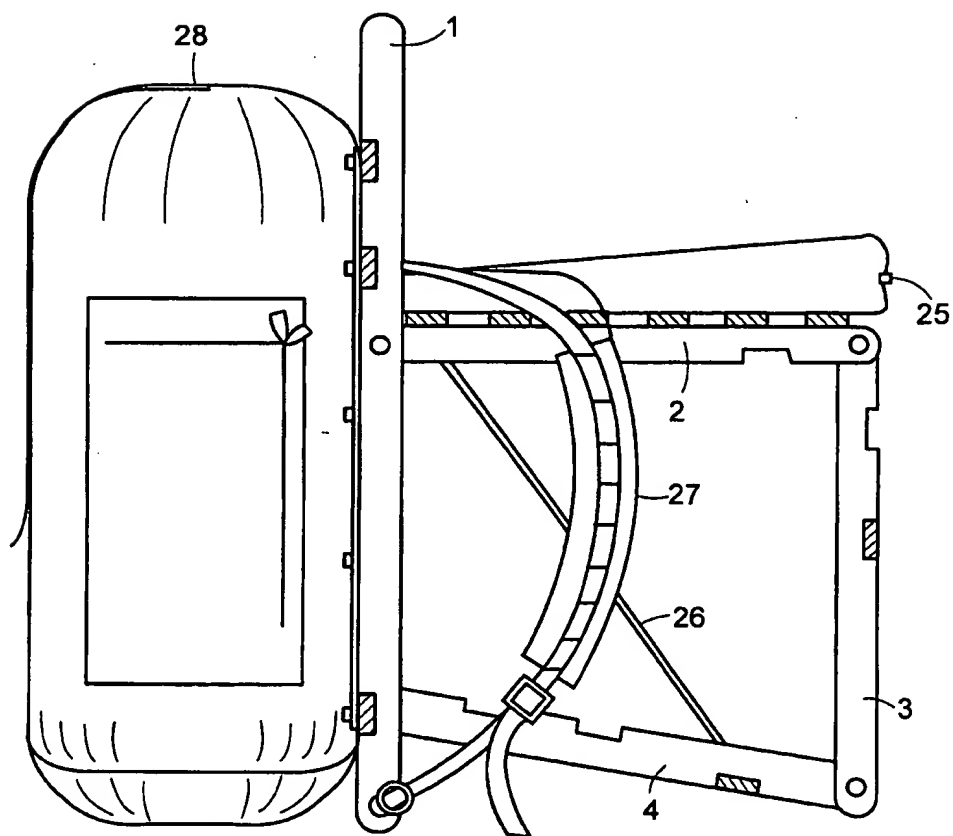


FIG. 3



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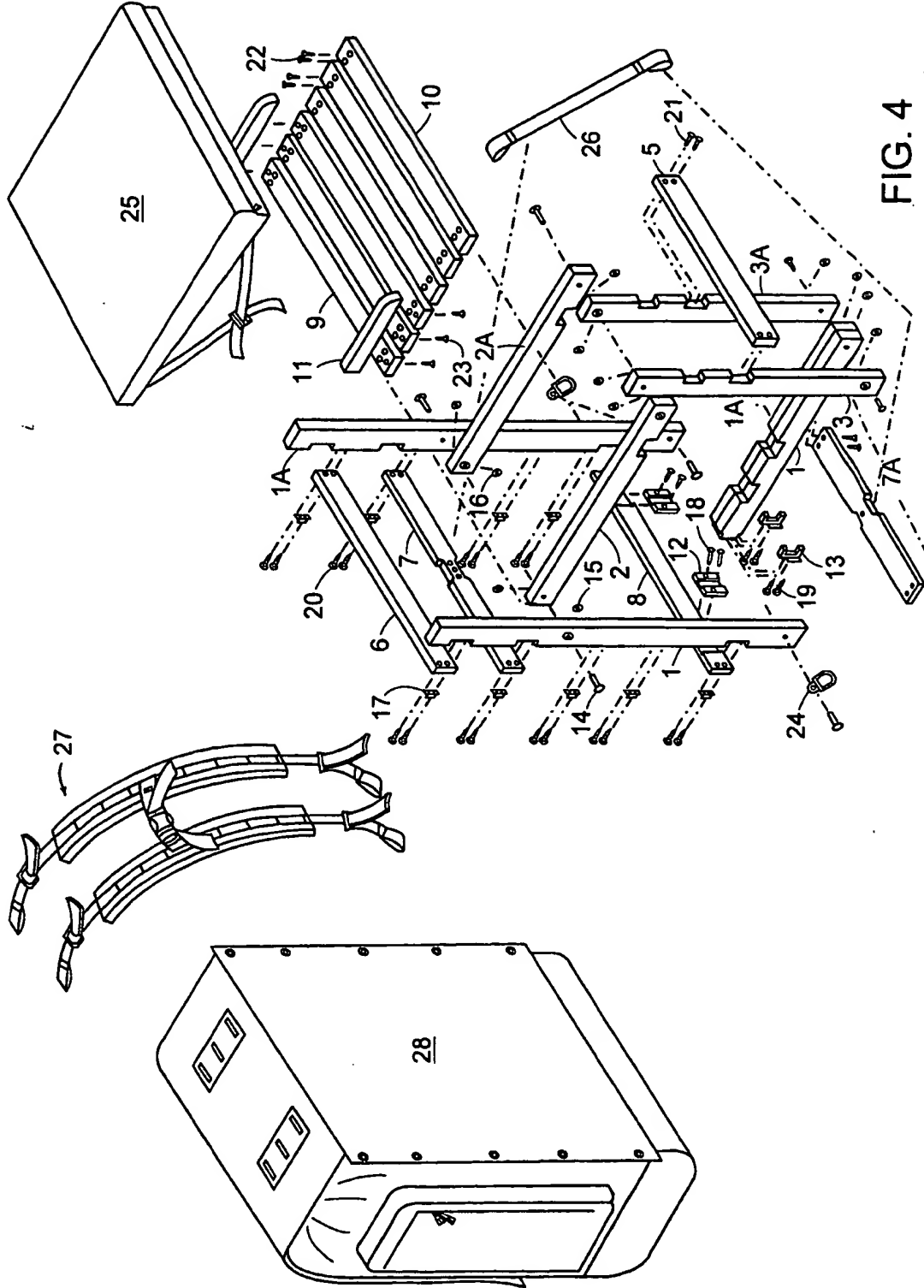


FIG. 4